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Riccards speaks out in support of student aid

by Anna Allen
News Editor

FSC President Dr. Michael Riccards expressed his support of the more than 250 FSC students who attended a recent protest at the Statehouse aimed at stopping billions in proposed cuts in student financial aid.

"Students are citizens, voters, tax payers, people who contribute to the society and I think they should exercise the right of assembly and petition," said Riccards in an office interview on Thursday. "That's what (the students) were doing (at the rally), it is as old as the constitution."

Riccards said, "it is important that we guarantee that federal programs financially continue because here at FSC, a lot of our students are dependent on them. They represent a major avenue of social mobility for students across the country; we don't want to lose what has taken us so long to put in place."

He also addressed his concern for debt that students throughout the country will be in the federal government continues to move their support from grants to loans.

Riccards was pleased with the students' efforts to reach out and tell people why Financial Aid and other government funded programs are important to their education. He also noted that the education available through financial aid, in turn, creates more taxpaying individuals in the future.

He said that students should use their rights as citizens of the United States and even suggested that working for political candidates is another important way for the students to be heard.

"Financial Aid is a tremendous investment. It's been very successful for this country," said Riccards. "We have the finest system of higher education and one of the reasons we have that system is because of financial aid."



President Riccards thinks student aid is important to FSC.

photo by Anna Allen

Hockey begins season tonight

FSC Press Release

Last winter, the Fitchburg State hockey team tied the school record with 22 wins (against 6 losses). They went undefeated (16-0) in the regular season to win the ECAC North Division title. Then junior Steve Baldassare and then sophomore Dan Genatossio finished 1-2 in the ECAC North in scoring with 63 and 59 points, respectively. And the Falcons advanced to the ECAC North/Central/South Championship Game for the second straight year.

The 1994-95 season was a tremendous year by all accounts. The bitter taste of the final game, however, still lingers on the palates of each returning player. In that Championship game, UMass-Dartmouth prevailed 5-1, sending FSC home with the runner-up trophy.

The Falcons, led by Baldassare, Genatossio, and six more seniors, are not looking for runner up this season. The quest to bring the title back to Fitchburg State begins tonight against the very team which denied the Falcons their goal last year. UMass-Dartmouth, long time rivals, hit the ice tonight at 7:30 at the Wallace Civic Center. Revenge will be in the air.

This is a rivalry which has grown more and more heated over the past decade. Consider the fact that in the last thirteen years, either Fitchburg State or UMass-Dartmouth has brought home a championship 12 times. Each school has six to their credit.

Besides playing for bragging rights and revenge, tonight's clash has serious implications for the 1995-96 season as well.

Come playoff time, the committee which selects the teams and seeds them will first consider the regular season champions of the North, the Central, and the South. The last two years FSC has won the North, and UMD has won the Central, thus capturing the top two seeds. The number one seed has gone to the victor of the UMD-FSC regular season game. The home team has won each of those games, thereby gaining the top playoff seed and home ice throughout the playoffs. The top seed has won the playoffs at home the last two years.

A big crowd is expected tonight at the Civic Center to watch these perennial powers square off. A big crowd could be a major factor in the outcome of this all-important contest.

New art gallery exhibit



photo by Kevin Robertson

Myers displays artwork in FSC gallery.
by Kevin Robertson
A&E Editor

Brooding, emotional figures form the centerpiece of Kathryn Myers' black chalk work now being shown in the Hammond Gallery.

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MASSPIRG conference to be held Feb. 17-19

by Anna Allen
News Editor

MASS student PIRG, one of the core organizers involved with the coalition to save student aid, is planning a National Student Conference to be held in Boston, Feb. 17-19.

MTV's Rock the Vote campaign, Campus Green Vote, and PIRG will host the conference, which is one of a series of efforts to stop proposed cuts in student financial aid from being implemented.

More than 200 letters protesting the financial aid cuts were written and sent to State Senators Edward Kennedy and John

Kerry by students at FSC. Efforts to stop the proposed cuts, including a rally attended by more than 1,000 Massachusetts students, have lead to limited success.

Recently, the Senate's bill was reduced from \$10.2 billion to approximately \$6 billion in proposed financial aid cuts. However, student efforts must not end now. Continue to voice your opinion about student aid by calling 1-800-574-4AID, or E-mail the President at: President@Whitehouse.gov.

For more information about any of these events or to form a coalition on voter registration, call 665-3649.

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Senior pix this week

Announcement

Attention Seniors: It's senior picture time. November 14, 15, and 16th. Look for assigned times in your campus mail box. There is a \$4 sitting fee. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook office at 665-3646 or Laura Bullen at 665-3164.

Task force seeks improvement in academic & student affairs

Press Release

The student services Strategic Planning Task Force meets every Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in G87 of the Hammond Building.

The task force will focus on making recommendations to improve both the Academic and Student Affairs services to enhance the central learning mission of the college. All members of the college community are invited to participate and share their ideas.

If you are unable to attend, please call or send your ideas to Dr. Charles R. Ratto, vice-president of the college, in the Student Affairs Office.

Shopping in the Big Apple

FSC Press Release

The Fitchburg State College Alumni Association will sponsor a shopping trip to New York City on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Buses will leave from Fitchburg, Worcester, Springfield, and Nashua, NH, at 6:30 a.m. and return by 11:30 p.m. that same day. The general public is welcome to participate.

The cost is \$35 per person, which includes breakfast and a full day of shopping in the city. For ticket information, call (508) 665-3400.

Project Enable

FSC Press Release

Project Enable is looking for students to take part in a leadership and peer educator training program for undergraduate students with disabilities.

This experimental training program is co-directed by staff from the Massachusetts Transition Initiative at UMASS Boston and Project Enable. The program is free to those who qualify. Enrollment is limited and priority will be given to sophomores and juniors. The training will be held Nov. 17, 18 and Dec. 2, at Miller Oval. Meals are included.

Program goals include discovering or improving leadership skills, becoming a more effective community member, improving public speaking skills, and qualifying as a member of the Statewide Speakers Bureau. Members of this group work to promote rights and awareness for the disabled in high schools, parent and community groups, colleges, and universities.

If you are (or know) a student who would be interested in this training program, register at Project Enable, located on the third floor of the Hammond building or call the office at ext. 3064.

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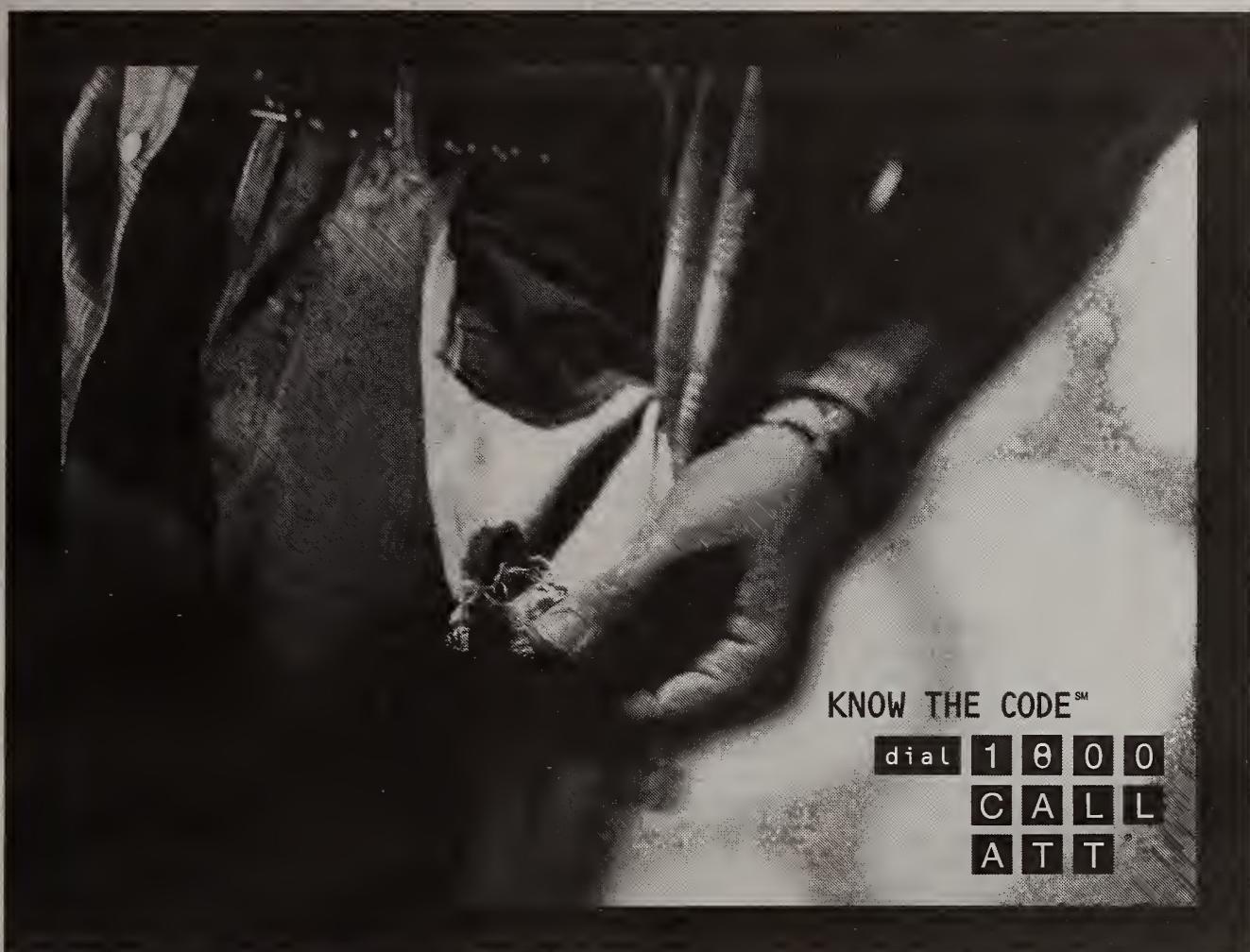


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Breast cancer ranks #1

by Elizabeth Portway
Contributing writer

Breast cancer, the leading cause of death in women between the ages of 32 ad, 52, has more than tripled in occurrence since 1940. The disease is most prevalent in Western industrialized nations such as the U.S.

In his book, "Breast Care Options," Paul Keuhn states that potential victims of breast cancer "are white women, stressed women, those taking birth control pills, living in a city, or those who drink or smoke."

According to a 1992 National Cancer Institute report, an American woman's lifetime risk of breast cancer is 1 in 8. Considering that the number of breast cancer cases has risen in the U.S. from 50,000 cases in 1940 to more than 180,000 in 1992, it is very likely that sooner or later the disease will strike someone we know, if it hasn't already.

The reason white women have a greater risk of contracting breast cancer remains unknown to doctors. However, through a series of studies, they have concluded that stress plays a definite role.

"Several stress factors are exhibited in many patients with cancer: depression prior to cancer development, relative inability to express hostile feelings, unresolved tensions concerning a familiar figure, and sexual problems," Keuhn said. Similar to the way a person becomes more susceptible to colds when stressed, a woman becomes more susceptible to cancer.

According to Keuhn, taking birth control pills increases the rate of cell division in the lobules of the breast. This cell division also occurs in the growth of a cancerous tumor. "Young women taking the pill lack an adequate response to the proges-

terone set off by the pill and place their breasts at risk for cancer," said Keuhn. The longer a woman takes the pill, the greater her risk for breast cancer will be.

Women living in cities also appear to be more vulnerable than their suburban counterparts. According to a 1994 "Quarterly Review of Biology," the combination of a lack of proper nutrition and exercise and pollution produced by most urban environments contributes to the occurrence of breast cancer in these women.

There also appears to be a link between cigarette smoking and breast cancer in women. Although cigarettes do not directly cause breast cancer, they can cause lung cancer. "The lungs are a common site of the spread of breast cancer," said Keuhn.

Finally, a hospital study shows a definite link between alcohol and breast cancer. Alcohol contains many harmful carcinogens that affect the liver, a vital part of the body's defense mechanism that fights cancer.

Keuhn does, however, suggest several preventative measures a woman can take to increase the odds of preventing breast cancer.

With preventative measures such as a healthy diet, drinking in moderation, and monthly breast exams, the chance of contracting the disease can be dramatically reduced. Also, with the advanced technologies available today, including mammograms and other diagnostic testing, breast cancer can be detected, and thus treated before it reaches an advanced state.

The most important preventative step a woman can take is to give herself regular, monthly examinations and see a physician as soon as she suspects a problem.

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Spotlight on Tony Markham

by Kimberly Lajoie
Staff writer

New to the Fitchburg State faculty, Tony Markham has become as involved on campus as any 10-year college veteran.

A professor of English, Markham has been assisting the Falcon Players with their set design for "What the Butler Saw." As an undergraduate, he earned his bachelor's degree in theater and arts from Brigham University in 1982. His background inspired him to work with the Falcon Players. Markham also wants to help the theater by teaching directing and acting classes.

Markham is also a member of the Shotokan Karate Club on campus. A black belt for ten years, he would like to "teach seminars at the college on rape prevention and self-defense for women." In the past, these seminars, taught in conjunction with his wife, have drawn in many women.

Aside from his non-academic involvement, Markham still has time to teach three undergraduate English courses. Markham, who earned his Ph. D. in English from the University of Southern Mississippi, has always been attracted to the Epics. "I'd like to teach a class in Epics," he said. Markham has a philosophy that he borrowed from Jimmy Carter's



Professor profile: Tony Markham

photo by Heather Workman

book, entitled Nothing But the Best. "I think that is why I am so attracted to the Epics," Markham said.

"Because they are the very best."

Markham's goal is to be a great teacher in whatever class he's teaching. "The goal is to treat each student fairly, to be enthusiastic about the subject matter, and to communicate that enthusiasm to each of my students," said Markham. He is very happy to be a new member of the FSC



faculty.

Also, Markham's first novel, The Jaxon Files, is scheduled to be released this month. An action and adventure story, Markham has been writing, revising, and scrutinizing this long-awaited book for many years.

Next semester, Tony Markham will be teaching Journalism, Advanced Comprehension and Rhetoric, and a night class in Creative Writing.

Marke Vickers returns to Ohio

Delilah Larimore
Associate Editor

After seventeen years on campus, Marke Vickers, Fitchburg State College's Director of Admissions, has resigned.

Marke Vickers began her career in 1978 as Associate Director of Admissions, handling transfer students and recruiting freshman. Holding that position for nine years, she gained an excellent rapport with this college and many others.

"She is well respected on campus and across the state," said Scott Gauthier, Assistant Director of Admissions at FSC. "She knows everybody."

After serving as Associate Director, Vickers went on leave to have her baby. After about one year she returned as a part-time employee.

Since 1990, Vickers has been the Director of Admissions, a job that has many responsibilities and a position she maintained well, according to faculty members.

Vickers, originally from Ohio, will return home to be Director of Admissions at



Marke Vickers

file photo

Marietta College, a very small, private college in a town of about 1,200.

"I am happy for her, that she is able to go back home and be with her family, but at the same time it is a tremendous loss for the college," said Gauthier.

Lon Vickers, her husband, is a current professor and former vice-president of the school. He

plans to remain here until the end of the year when, if he is able to find a good job, he will rejoin his wife in Ohio.

Scott Gauthier has known and worked with Vickers for ten years now. "She jelled when she was here as the Director of Admissions," he said. "She will be sadly missed."

SGA's new VP looks to the future

by Gabriele Baty
Staff writer

Arismendy Ramos, a junior at Fitchburg State College, is the new Vice President for the Student Government Association. Aris, as he prefers to be called, is filled with energy.

Aris, you might remember, was seriously injured in an off-campus rollerblading accident last March. He sustained injuries severe enough that he has still not fully healed. Although still confined to a wheelchair, Aris says he expects one-hundred percent of himself as vice-president of SGA.

As we spoke, his powerful voice carried beyond me, as if he was addressing a large crowd. Aris says that he is proposing many changes to get SGA back on its feet, proposals which may not meet the approval of some SGA members.

"The first change is dramatic," Aris said. He wants either the president or vice-president of every student organization to attend SGA's bi-weekly club and council meetings. If

neither one fails to attend two consecutive meetings, Aris suggests cutting funds to the organization. He expects full participation from everyone who works for the SGA..

"I feel good, better than ever, because I have gotten in touch with my deeper emotions," Aris said, contemplating life since the accident and with a disability.

Aris says he now feels like his ultimate dream of becoming a lawyer is within reach and he believes he can make a difference in the world. Aris hopes the soul searching triggered by his accident, combined with a new confidence at overcoming adversity will bode for a bright future.

"Before the accident it was



photo by Kathy Levine

only a dream, but now it has become a reality, a goal in my life," he added, referring to becoming a lawyer.

Aris began his political foray by running for and winning the vice-presidency of SJA. He also says he wants to help the underprivileged Hispanic community. Along with his studies as a sociology major, Aris volunteers as a clerk at the Student Affairs and Admissions offices in his spare time.

"Can you sit still long enough to read this?"

by Kristin Kinville
Contributing writer

Do you often find yourself fidgeting? Do you find it hard to concentrate for a long period of time? Have you been this way for years? If so, you could have Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). In 1992, a special clinic at U-Mass Medical Hospital in Worcester was opened to treat this disorder.

According to an article published in the Fitchburg Sentinel and Enterprise, Dr. Kevin Murphy, chief of the U-Mass Medical Clinic stated, "This disorder used to be thought of as only a childhood condition. In most cases though, the symptoms continue to plague people into their adult lives."

Murphy elaborated to say that although common, this disorder is hard to diagnose in

adults. Some of the symptoms are normal occurrences in our lives, such as forgetfulness. Other symptoms of ADHD are daydreaming, difficulty in paying attention for long periods of time, and being easily distracted. "To qualify for a diagnosis, the symptoms must be present for many years and interfere significantly in either academic, social, or employment areas..." stated Murphy.

At the Worcester clinic, after being diagnosed with this disorder, a broad treatment of counseling and medication are prescribed. The most frequently used medications are Ritalin and Dexedrine. The purpose of these stimulant drugs is to subdue impulse behaviors and to increase levels of concentration.

Suggested "basic behavioral remedies" such as being consis-

tent, leaving reminder notes for yourself, and having a daily routine are also prescribed. "People need to understand how the symptoms play out in their lives," Murphy added.

Another source of help is the nationally-recognized information and support group, Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder. According to this group, "three to five percent of the population suffers from the disorder." The support group offers information on the disorder, doctors, counseling, and vocational assistance.

For more information, contact the Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder support group at (305) 587-3700.

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No Strobe next week due to Thanksgiving break.

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Police Log

POLICE LOG - October 29-November 4, 1995

Sunday October 29, 1995

DISPERSAL - Several students dispersed after hours from the Athletic Field.

MOTOR VEHICLE - Car stopped on Highland Ave. for driving wrong way on one-way street.

DISPERSAL - Four students with rollerblades from the Hammond Quad. All were advised that rollerblades were banned from campus property due to two serious accidents involving students on rollerblades.

Monday, October 30, 1995

FIRE ALARM - Rubbish barrel fire in Aubuchon Hall.
DRUG VIOLATION - Judicial Board complaints filed against residents of Russell towers.

RECOVERED PROPERTY - Found FSC property reported missing from the Hammond Building.

Tuesday, October 31, 1995

DISPERSAL - Non student male from Aubuchon Hall.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Unwanted person in the Hammond Building. Trespass/Ban letter to be served.

MOTOR VEHICLE - Hit & Run accident with minor damage reported in Ross St. Lot.

MEDICAL/RESCUE CALL - Injured Basketball player transported to Burbank ER via ambulance.

LARCENY - Of a license plate from a car parked in Lower Weston Lot.

Wednesday, November 1, 1995

MEDICAL/RESCUE CALL - Female student fell in Percival Hall. Refused treatment.

HARASSMENT - Resident of Herlihy Hall reported being harassed by phone calls. Case under investigation.

MEDICAL/RESCUE CALL - First aid administered to a female in Russell Towers with a cut foot.

Thursday, November 2, 1995

DISTURBANCE - Report of person banging on the door at a Town House apartment. Female resident had locked herself out.

DRUG VIOLATION - J-Board complaint to be filed against a resident of Russell towers.

ASSAULT & BATTERY - Female student assaulted by non-student in Thompson Hall. Investigation continuing.

MEDICAL/RESCUE CALL - Resident of Aubuchon Hall given first aid for a twisted ankle. Refused transport to hospital.

DISPERSAL - Three local youths running around the Campus Center disturbing the vendors in G-Lobby.

Friday, November 3, 1995

FIRE ALARM - Unknown cause set off alarm in Russell Towers.

DISTURBANCE - Several Russell Towers residents entering Aubuchon Hall during Russell's Fire Alarm causing a disturbance.

DRUG VIOLATION - J-Board complaint to be filed against Russell towers residents.

MOTOR VEHICLE - Hit & Run accident on Authority Dr. No damage to car, but set off the car's alarm system.

NOISE COMPLAINT - Several students yelling outside Russell Towers dispersed.

MEDICAL/RESCUE CALL - Female resident of Herlihy Hall, who was having trouble breathing was transported to Burbank via ambulance.

Saturday, November 4, 1995

MOTOR VEHICLE - Towed from Upper Weston due to having a expired registration

SUSPICIOUS ACT - Male observed trying to unbolt sign in Sanders Parking Lot. Ran upon seeing officer.

DOMESTIC - Assisted student in getting a Protective order against a non-student.

ALARM SOUNDING - Smoke detector going off in the New Halls for no apparent reason. Residence Life staff called.

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Announcements should be short, including dates, places, times and a contact person.

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"We're all guaranteed students"

by Mark Witkowski
Staff writer

There are many jokes about why students attend Fitchburg State College, ranging from "Harvard didn't have what I wanted" to "It was the cheapest place I got into." But the real reason is that we are all here to try to make a better future for ourselves. We want to get more out of life than minimum wage.

Fitchburg State offers a fine range of degree programs. Its campus is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and technology. FSC employs a knowledgeable faculty that utilize and merge the equipment into innovative teaching techniques. In addition to a solid base, the college now offers a "guaranteed student" to potential employers.

This guarantee is insurance to employers that students who graduate from FSC will possess the up-to-date knowledge necessary to perform the college-level position for which they were hired.

I am confident that the school will keep up its end of the bargain by properly preparing students, but will the students be able to perform? If a student is not up to par, will that person blame the college or themselves?

I have prepared some thought provoking questions for you. Granted they are not part of my teachings at FSC, but they are a significant indicator of the inquisitiveness of the students here. They won't help you land an incredible job or anything, but they are great brain teasers. Now, take this quiz to see just how good you really are. Don't cheat and look at the answers until you are finished.

1. Is there any federal law against a man marrying his widow's sister?
2. Do they have a fourth of July in England?
3. If you had only one match and entered a cold room that had a kerosene lamp, an oil heater, and a wood stove, which would you light first for maximum heat?
4. How many birthdays does the average man have? The average woman?
5. An archeologist claims he has dug up a coin that is clearly dated 46 B.C. Can his claim be substantiated?

Okay, now look at the answers. How did you do? If you got one question wrong, that's acceptable because these questions are a bit tricky. As students, we must work hard to absorb as much knowledge as we possibly can. We can't be putting ourselves and our school in jeopardy by not doing this. We must think, be positive, and let FSC help us to pave the road to a great future.

As "guaranteed students," we need to be aware that everyone is going to be watching how we perform after we graduate. We must work hard now to insure that our guarantees never have to be used.

Answers:

1. There is no law against this. But, in order to have a widow, you must be dead!
2. Yes, they do have a fourth of July, and the fifth, and the sixth.
3. First of all, you'd light the match.
4. The average man has one birthday; so does the average woman.
5. The archeologist is a liar because B.C. means "Before Christ," and who could have guessed when Christ would be born?

Mark Witkowski is a Senior Industrial Technology/ Graphics major.

NEWMAN CENTER

Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.
Monday Eucharistic Service at 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday Mass at 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer at 4:30 p.m.

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Derek Valcourt is a Senior Communications Technical writing major.

by Derek Valcourt
Editor-in-Chief

I don't usually follow politics. In fact, there has never been a single issue I've ever really had any concern about, let alone supported, until now.

In September, Tennessee Representative John Duncan(R) introduced a new bill which would require all institutions of Higher Education nationwide to provide open campus security crime logs to student newspapers and the general public, if requested.

This bill was referred to and is being reviewed by the House committee on Economics and Educational Opportunities.

Fortunately for us student journalists in Massachusetts, advocates for a similar state bill filed in 1991 suggested open logs would allow current and potential students to judge the safety of campuses they were considering becoming a part of. Governor Weld agreed, enacting the bill into law in July of 1991. That legislation paved the way for this common-sense legislation to be passed by six more states.

Student journalists everywhere probably threw a party, but my guess is that college administrators were frowning.

After all, education is a business and honest reporting of crime might scare away potential students who are considering a college but might hedge their decisions on safety concerns.

If you've ever read our campus police log, you are in for a good laugh. You can count the number of fire alarms in Russell Towers or read about a pervert. Sometimes serious crimes are reported, however, information provided in FSC police logs about those crimes is often vague and insufficient.

"Male subject arrested for assault" does not cut it.

Under Chapter 41, Section 98F of Massachusetts general laws, "all responses to 'valid' complaints received, crimes reported, the names and addresses of persons arrested, and the charges against such persons" should be provided.

Here at FSC, they are not. This isn't something that happens unconsciously either. An officer from public safety writes up the log you read each week and brings it to Chief Cunningham for approval. Names of those arrested are not included.

"That's not fair," you say! I can't print the names of students who have been arrested for crimes in The Strobe!"

Hate to break it to you, but I can do whatever the big boys can. Unless you are a minor (under 18), if you get arrested, that information is public record. Check your local newspaper's police log if you don't believe me.

As it stands now, the only people whose arrests are not public information are those people who have been arrested by campus police in one of the 43 states that has not adopted the

Wanton Carnal Rapture

by Keith Fredericks
Staff writer

As a 19 year old male sophomore, I have witnessed functional and dysfunctional, as well as sexual and non-sexual relationships. I've observed the effects of nation wide "anti-sex" propaganda. Many people conform to the message of "AIDS awareness" and "safe sex", but on the other hand, many ignore the message as well. Those who conform are puppets of society and those who don't are ignorant and living on the razor's edge.

No rational person can argue against the need for safer sex in our society. Anti-sex propaganda has moved our society toward safer sex, and that is good. However, this propaganda has lead to an irrational belief that to have sex one must first meet several criteria.

The decision to have sex should be made according to the level of comfort two people share with one another. If two people are comfortable enough to have sex without disturbing the security of their current relationship, then they need not meet any other criteria.

A common standard for having sex is meeting a "time quota." This standard is poor because different people get to know one another at different rates. For instance, two people trapped in an elevator for five hours may know one another better than a couple that has been playing "relationship games" for two weeks. How long two people know each other isn't necessarily an indication of how well they know each other.

I'm not saying that two people who have known each other for a few quality hours are ready to have sex. We shouldn't take sex lightly in our society. S.T.D.'s, pregnancy, and emotional heartache can result from irresponsible sex. We should not, and cannot, take sex lightly! Still though, we cannot label all pre-marital and loveless sex as irresponsible. Those standards are unrealistic.

Marriage, as a standard for having sex, is nearly invisible today. As religions that focus

on the marriage ceremony become less important, a wedding ring becomes much less of a critiria for having sex. Even though marriage, as a prerequisite for sex, is becoming obsolete, being in love with your partner before initiating a sexual relationship is still in fashion. Which begs the querry: Why do people still believe that one must be in love to have sex?

All the conformists in our society generally share the "love standard" philosophy, even though most probably don't practice it. The reason the "love standard" is not regularly practiced is because love has so many different shades, translations and incarnations. Love has had as many definitions and meanings as there are people in the world, yet no single one can give a general, measurable indication of when to have sex. Often a person will laugh at what they previously considered love when a better, perhaps more attractive, suitor comes along.

A person's standards for love change as they experience more relationships. Saying that one must be in "love" to have sex is quite vague. It is a meaningless statement. How can love be a standard if it means something different to different people at different times? A test can be standardized, but love cannot!

Sex is great. Would... Could anybody disagree? Nothing is wrong with desiring a sexual relationship. A mature sexual relationship can be significantly more pleasurable than a mature platonic one. Nothing is wrong with having sex when indecisive of "love." The pre-marital sex taboo is the long-outdated idiocy of an aging generation. We should all have as much wanton, carnal rapture as we desire, as long as we maintain sensitivity and caring for our partner, and of course: ALWAYS PRACTICE SAFE SEX.

In summation, there is only one time to have sex: When you're ready. This philosophy is vague, a bit of a cliche, and even tacky, but it is all part of learning. Just like any other aspect of life, we learn from our mistakes.

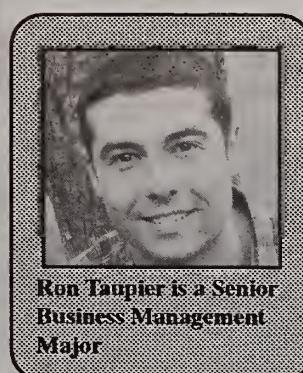
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vague with the ones they do report. In fact, in comparison to some other state colleges, FSC's crime statistics reporting is actually quite generous.

Campus police should not be protecting the privacy rights of criminals, only the victims. I am all for respecting privacy, but I also want to know when someone I trust has assaulted a woman, stolen property, etc.

I can cite dozens of colleges and universities across the country where serious crimes have occurred on campus and student newspapers have asked campus police for more information, only to be denied. Of course

High-tech overdose



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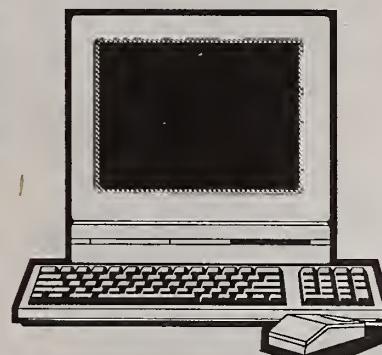
Assume that I am a senior in high school in the year 2010. Long gone are the days of Saturday morning aptitude tests and written homework. It is now feasable to take my SAT's at home and hand in my civil war paper via the Internet. I call my best friend to let him know that my e-mail address has changed. The newspaper industry is unsuccessfully seeking subscribers to their publication. Library cards have become ancient relicts. The "world wide web" has entangled us all. We have entered a new age ladies and gents, and it is scary...

I don't know about you, but I am having great difficulty keeping up with today's fast paced technology. It seems like just yesterday that I learned to type and now I am faced with emailing, on-lining, and cyber-linking. Slow down please! I am not ready to purchase my new car through the "net" or renew my licence without going to the registry. Although, I must admit I am looking forward to driving through toll booths without having to slow down, that sounds interesting.

By now, if you have avoided learning to use a simple computer, then you are wedged behind the eight-ball, so to speak.

The importance of personal computers has expanded to mammoth proportions, and is only going to increase. I am alarmed, yet anxious to see what the future will bring to the communications world. Will we be capable of exploring far away cultures without leaving the privacy of our own homes? Yes. Will we have wrist phones rather than wristwatches? Yes. Will we read the morning news on our computer monitors? Yes. Most of these predictions have already arrived and much more is inevitably on the way.

The computer industry is not the only environment that has undergone significant change. What about television? In a few years, if not sooner, couch potato-



toes will be able to use their remote controls not only to change the channel but to connect themselves to whatever movie or telecast they so desire from anywhere in the world. This type of accessibility will be available to everyone and not just those with satellite dishes. What is next?

My biggest gripe is the rate at which technology advances. It seems that as we get accustomed to a particular piece of equipment, it is only a few months before it becomes obsolete.

In the automobile industry, decisions will become far more difficult about what type of car to purchase. Rather than standard or automatic, we will be forced to choose between gas-driven or electric, both available within the same price range. Your audio system might not have only AM and FM dials, but how about preset controls for television, telephones, laptops and fax machines- all of which I feel will become standard equipment. Not bad, huh?

Predictions about what the future may bring can be very exciting, but to the average person it also can be quite intimidating. We are bombarded with

so much technology and innovation that it is nearly impossible to keep up to pace with the manufacturer's that produce such intricate machinery. If the communication industry intends to maintain its' popularity and success, then more attention should be placed on creating more attractive costs and appeal to the coming generations to make computers a necessary part of their everyday life. Reducing technophobia should be the primary goal of the industry.

What are some of the innovations that you think will be a part of everyday life that will make our lives better and more efficient? I consider myself pretty fast-paced now, but a quick glance into the future frightens me. Nowadays, everyone must be "Pentium quick" to be able to perform their jobs and conform to society. Keeping up with technology has never been more difficult.



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Myers displays artwork in FSC gallery

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The sketches and drawings utilize harsh shadows and deep, emotional faces to convey the artist's vision.

Myers, an art professor at the University of Connecticut, received a number of awards and grants including, most recently, one from Casa Manilva/Spanish Studios, Delfina Studios Trust in London.

"The Pertinent," a black and white sketch of a man, arms crossed with a slew of paper bags in front of him, revels in its fleeting light source, and lets the shadow play its magic upon the man and his precariously placed bags.

A much simpler piece, "The Service," portrays a rasta man, seated at a table, being served a bowl of food. His dreadlocks, well defined and hanging in front of him, frame his face

beautifully.

One of the few color pieces, "The Passage" coincidentally resembles a scene from REM's "Losing My Religion" video. A figure, seated in front of a shroud which hangs behind him, simulates an angelic vision, the shroud acting as wings.

"The Sentiment," also in color, reveals a man in a dress and another lying at his feet, while two people converse in the background. The bright colors allow the brooding figures a contrast in terms of emotion.

Myers' work, shown all around the country, includes exhibitions at the CIA Gallery in New York and the Mahler Gallery in Washington, D.C.

The Campus Center Gallery is located on the second floor of the Hammond Building. The Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM and Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 6 PM.

Ozzy Osbourne

by Norman Miller
Sports Editor

Ozzy Osbourne, who retired in 1992, is back with his first post-retirement album, Ozzmosis, a ten track disk.

This album reunites Ozzy with old Black Sabbath mate Geezer Butler on bass. Zack Wylde also returns to play guitar for the man who gave him his start.

The first track, "Perry Mason," is the kind of song that, when you first hear it, you say, "Hey, that's a good song." After, listening to it a few more times, "It's an okay song," and finally, "Why, Ozzy, why?"

The best song on the album is, "I Just Want You," a slow, melodic song. The music and lyrics fit together perfectly. It's a "Goodbye to Romance" song.

The main problem with Ozzmosis, the same problem as in Ozzy's last release, No More Tears, is the number of ballads. Not only does the album have "I Just Want You," but it also has "Ghost Behind My Eyes," "See You on the Other Side," and "My Little Man." They're all strong songs, but four ballads on one album is a little too much.

The opening lyrics in "My

Little Man," "Don't you know I love you more than life itself? Don't you know you're my pride," emotionally appeal to the listener. Throughout the song Ozzy sings about how he will not leave his son, and he'll always protect him. The problem is, I thought Ozzy only had daughters. This song has the biggest potential to become a hit.

"Tomorrow" and "Denial," the sixth and seventh songs on the album are true to Ozzy's old form; good guitar work, strong lyrics, not too heavy, not too slow, just good, solid songs.

Butler lends his song writing to "Mr. Jekyll Doesn't Hide." If "Tomorrow" and "Denial" were most representative of Ozzy, then "Jekyll" is the most Black Sabbath like. Not a classic Sabbath song, but a Sabbath song just the same. The only thing missing is a Tony Iommi solo, and the song could have been put on any of the late seventies albums.

All in all, Ozzmosis is the kind of album expected from an ancient Ozzy Osbourne. But don't forget, an ancient Ozzy is a hell of a lot better than a lot of bands that are just getting started.



photo by Kevin Robertson

Falcon players perform "What the Butler Saw."

by Rick Rodricks
Staff Writer

The Falcon Players, the college's drama club, will present "What the Butler Saw" by playwright Joe Orton in the Percival Auditorium November 16-18. The comedy focuses on six whimsical characters and their attempts at seduction through deception.

The play is a "British farce," according to student producer Dana Dunham. Dunham says the cast spent seven intense weeks on the production, which culminates with this weekend's performances.

"It is a lot of headaches!" said Dunham, referring to the difficulties of producing a stage play. "(Because of the cost of) lights, advertising, money, construction, and props, the Falcon Players require initiative and dedication from the students and faculty involved," he said.

"The director is really a key element," Dunham explains. "Summer has done a great job. She is the one who is going to really make this play a success."

Not only do students

Dunham says that for him, personal satisfaction comes from getting involved in the full FSC experience. He feels that people who fail to take advantage of clubs and other school offerings are "losing out." To him, a club like the Falcon Players is an intellectual, imaginative, and creative opportunity.

"When producing a play, you have to reach up for it - to look and to learn," Dunham says.

For others in the cast, being a part of "What the Butler Saw" continues their involvement in The Players. Director Sarah "Summer" Paul, for example, has participated in two previous FSC plays. "What the Butler Saw" is her first attempt at directing.

Tickets are \$8.00 for general admission and \$4.00 for senior citizens and students. All shows begin at 8pm.

volunteer their time, but faculty members also contribute to the effort. Many professors in the English department regularly advise and assist with developing and producing projects.

Dunham met with President Riccards this past week to work out some logistical details. Dr. Riccards himself is a playwright whose theatrical experience will, according to Dunham, help contribute to the pursuit of dramatic arts at FSC.

For everyone who is bringing this stage play to life, the final gratification will come with this weekend's three performances. Dunham, whose role as producer will end at that time, adds that he will be glad "to sit back and watch."

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Cast of "What the Butler Saw" L-R: Bob Hogan, Becky Gill, and Jessica Powers.

photo by Jude Burns

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Madman and the Bitch

Comic Forum
by Kevin Robertson
A&E Editor

Mike Allred, creator and writer/artist of the Madman Comics series, announced in issue number eight the closing of a deal with Universal Pictures for the first Madman Movie.

"I'm an incurable movie fanatic," said Allred. "Been one since I snuck downstairs one night to catch 'Bride of Frankenstein' on the midnight movie. There has been heavy interest in the Madman movie since the original three issue series (still available in trade paperback) first saw daylight."

Allred, a co-producer of the movie with Ben Myron (Showgirls, One False Move), may set precedent by being the first Dark Horse Comics creator to have his character featured as a major motion picture.

The artist, also co-founder of Dark Horse's Legend Publishing line, claims the first draft of the script, enthusiastically received by Universal, has been completed.

"I've been doing my best to concentrate on making great comics," said Allred. "I've made it clear to all possible that a Madman film wasn't going to happen unless it felt right. I don't anticipate too many headaches, since I'm being given amazing support with the creative control of the project."

Allred's experience in film and television prior to making comic books will certainly assist him in this endeavor. "I've accumulated almost ten years of film and television production experience."

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The nastiest adventures of Bitchy Bitch, a character from Roberta Gregory's "Naughty Bits," has been collected for the first time in the trade paperback, "As Naughty as She Wants to Be."

The "adults only" comic, a bizarre look at the stresses of women in modern society, is not for the squeamish. Published monthly by Fantagraphics books, it's been turning heads since its creation in 1990.

The story follows our heroine, Bitchy Bitch, overworked and undersexed by the problems she encounters trying to get ahead and get laid. Her stress builds with every coming problem.

Each time something goes wrong, she has a childlike temper tantrum, that can only be soothed through her relationship with a cucumber.

If you enjoy wild, bizarre pornographic comics, then this is really for you. Just stay away from the fresh fruit aisle.

"Dead Presidents" roll with Motown sounds

by Kevin Robertson
A&E Editor

Soundtrack to the Film "Dead Presidents"

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The Motown sounds of Barry White, Isaac Hayes, and Aretha Franklin shine on the soundtrack for "Dead Presidents."

The movie, produced by Albert and Alan Hughes, the duo responsible for "Menace II Society," has been garnering critical acclaim in theatres for its gritty seventies realism.

Part of the realism is the fantastic motown favorites which peppered the seventies and helps set the mood and tone throughout the picture.

"This was actually a blessing in disguise," explained Albert. "We brought our Motown records onto the set, 'cause the shoot wasn't going too well. Once we started playin' them jams, man, everything rolled smooth."

Including such gems as "The Payback" by James Brown, and

"Do Right Woman, Do Right Man" by Aretha Franklin, this is a great sounding movie soundtrack even without the movie.

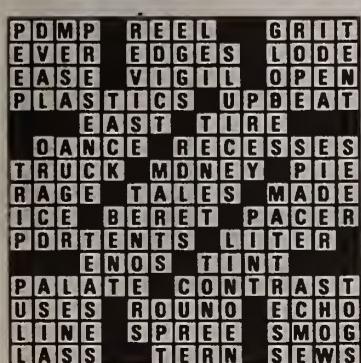
The true prize of this collec-



tion is a wild cover of "Walk on By." Seventies breakthrough musician Isaac Hayes adds a new twist to this Dionne Warwick original.

Listening to this album is a relaxing experience. It's good to see that today's black filmmakers can still reach into the classics bin rather than relying on the latest "gangsta rap" music.

Answers to last week's crossword puzzle



Rollins entertains at Berklee

by Kevin Robertson
A&E Editor

pany, 2.13.60, a reference to his date of birth. He told of some of the new bands and writers he's recruited and how he's raised the money needed.

The fundraisers he's used are the latest movie roles and GAP advertisements a shocked punk rock world discovered him in. He said he loves to be labelled a sell out by these losers.

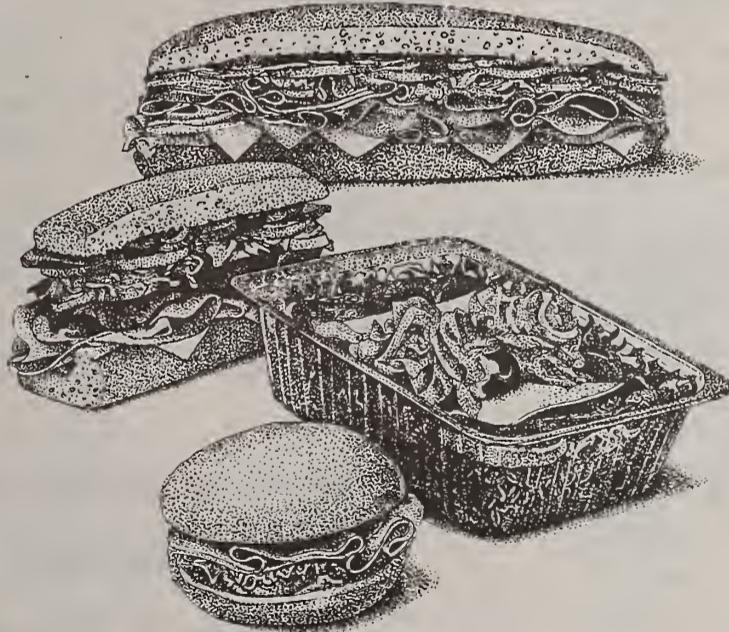
Touching on other things such as drugs, fame, sex and money, Rollins lectured briefly on how the perversion of these things can destroy people who aren't evil, just human.

The performance was a change from his "Talking from the Box" video, during which he speaks about the death of his best friend and roommate. This had a more lighthearted, almost stand-up comedian feel.

It takes a strong person to entertain this MTV generation with a microphone and a bottle of Evian. But Henry Rollins is a strong person, just check out his pecs.

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Football profile: The Couto brothers



Chris and Keith Couto

photo by Norman Miller

by Norman Miller
Sports Editor

It's not often that two brothers go through high school being on the same football team, and then both go to the same college, and still play football.

But it happened to the Couto brothers. Chris and Keith, who both played football together at Athol High, and now are two of the bright spots on the Fitchburg State football team.

"It's good having a brother out there," said Chris.

"There's not too many people who can say that they played with their brother," said Keith.

Being so close in age spawned a lot of competition. Throughout high school they both participated in the same sports; wrestling, track, and football. In fact, Keith is still an assistant coach for the wrestling team at Athol High.

"If it's in softball or basketball, it's like 110%, no one gives up," said Keith.

Chris agrees. "Even in football. In practice, he's on offense, I'm on defense, so I get to try to take his head off."

Chris, a junior Technology Ed. major, led the team in tackles this season with 74, along with four interceptions. Before the season he was named team captain by head coach Mike Woessner.

"This year is a big change. Being a captain is a lot of responsibilities because before I just tried to win. But as a captain, you have to get the whole team motivated and it's hard week-to-week, when we're getting blown out."

Keith, as a sophomore, set the new record for receiving yards in a career, with a total of 680. This season he ended with twenty one catches for 349 yards and two touchdowns.

The reason for the team having such a bad season this year, according to Chris, is the size of the players, and the size of teams.

"It stinks," said Chris, "because it's discouraging playing against teams with 100 guys, and we have the ability, we just don't have the size."

"If we had like, sixty players, I bet we would have won a lot more games," said Keith.

Being on the same team helps to motivate them both, with each pushing the other, making them the best they can be.

"I know he'll give 110%," said Keith. "Every time you see a tackle, it seems like he's on the pile. I wish everybody played like him. It doesn't seem like he gets tired."

"We try to keep pushing each other to succeed," said Chris.

It's not often that brothers go to the same school and play football on the same team, but the Fitchburg State football team is lucky that the Couto brothers did.

Women's soccer profile: Boermeester and Robinson



Ginger Boermeester
by Norman Miller
Sports Editor

The women's soccer team is only in their third year as a program at Fitchburg State. But already the team has spawned some of the best players in the league. Two of them are Ginger Boermeester and Julie Robinson.

Boermeester, a three year player, is one of the best players in the league. She was named the Player of the Year in

1993, was on the All-MASCAC first team all three years, and enjoyed another strong year this season, scoring nine goals, and having three assists.

Boermeester started playing soccer at a young age, playing on town leagues and travelling teams. She played all through high school, in Burlington, and college, and wants to continue playing in leagues after she graduates, but feels it won't be the same as playing soccer here.

"I like being part of a strong team," said Boermeester. "The commaderie, the support, the travelling, just the whole thing. After, when you're not in college, you don't have those things. You can join a league, but it's not the same thing."

Boermeester had many memorable moments, such as last season beating Westfield State 2-1 on the turf, even though the Falcons arrived late, and Bridgewater wouldn't let

them warm up. But her most memorable moment came this season.

"This year being in a fight," said Boermeester. "I definitely won't forget that because I've never been in a fight in my life. It was kind of surprising. I wasn't really angry, I was kind of protecting myself. It was funny."

Boermeester will be graduating this spring with a degree in television communications, with a minor in psychology, and hopes to work at a casting agency.

"I appreciate what coach, (Ed Dupuis), and Sheila, (assistant coach Sheila Marti), have done, and I appreciate that the girls are such a good group of girls," said Boermeester. "I've made a lot of friends, and I learned a lot. It was a blast."

Her teammate Julie Robinson also had a good season, her second on the team, scoring six

Player Profile: Jason Richardson

by Brian Lamy
Production Assistant

Jason Richardson, captain and fullback of the men's soccer team, was recently named the MASCAC co-player of the year. Rarely does a fullback receive such recognition, however, Richardson deserved it for what he added to the team throughout the season.

Richardson came to Fitchburg in 1992 and began playing under coach Tony Conte. When he came to Fitchburg, he felt that the biggest difference between high school and college soccer was the skill level, and how everyone on the team was at the same level.

This season, Richardson received the job of team captain, and along with that, the responsibility of being a leader on and off the field. While on the field, he had to keep the team heading towards the same goal. While off the field, he had to monitor the underclassmen players at mandatory study halls, and be there when needed.

This season, Richardson had to make the adjustment to a new coach, Marty Aristegui. According to Richardson, Aristegui's stricter ways helped the team this year, and led them to a 12-5-0 overall record, and a 4-3-0 record in the MASCAC.

"Actually Marty was a great coach," said Richardson. "I thought last year when Tony, our old coach, left, that it was going to be a pain for me being a senior, my last year having a new coach, but it worked out good. He was a real good coach."

Early in the season co-cap-



Jason Richardson

tain John Toney broke his jaw, and had to miss the rest of the season. Richardson then took the responsibility of sole captain, and helped the team work around the loss.

"I wish John Toney could have played the whole season," said Richardson. "If he played this year, we probably would have lost only one or two games. Missing him hurt us. It hurt us a lot."

From Wrentham, MA, Richardson went to King Phillip Regional High School, where he played all four years, three on the varsity team. While playing at King Phillip, he was a league all-star and an Eastern Mass. all-star.

Richardson is graduating this year with a degree in sociology. He is contemplating joining the Coast Guard, and later a career in law enforcement.

"I'm happy I came to Fitchburg. I had a good time. Soccer was fun here. Everyone on the soccer team gets along real well. I'll miss that. I'll miss hanging out with everyone."

Brian Lamy is a junior graphic design major



Julie Robinson

grade, both in town leagues and high school.

A special education/sociology major, Robinson will be student teaching next semester, and doesn't know if she'll have time to play for the team. But Dupuis has already made the schedule, and how it works out, she'll only miss one game.

"I really want to play, but I know it's going to be hard, but I'll probably give it a try."

The Fitchburg State women's soccer team better hope she plays next year.

Hopes are high for Falcons

Hockey Team Hopes to Repeat Last Season's Success

by Brian Lamy
Production Assistant

The Fitchburg State hockey team, coming off a 22-6-0 overall season, 16-0-0 in the ECAC North, began practicing a month ago, and are ready to roll when they begin their season tonight.

Head Coach Dean Fuller will carry twenty-seven players on the roster this season. There are fifteen returning, six of which are seniors: Steve Baldassare, Bill Mastrangelo, Mark Pillsbury, Dale Kimball, and D.J. Conte. Senior Scott Reilly will also be rejoining the team after a one year leave of absence.

Other returning players include Dan Genatossio, Rob Lavery, Mick McCarthy, Joe Turner, Damon Moore, John Cherubini, Aaron Abitz, and Jeff Troisi. Conte, Baldassare, and Mastrangelo will be the captains of the 1995-96 team.

Offensively, Fuller expects only good things from Pillsbury, Genatossio, and Joe Centrellam (a transfer student from Salem State), on the first line and Mastrangelo, Baldassare, and Kimball on the second line. Their speed and goal scoring abilities will make the offense one to be reckoned with. This

powerhouse offense could possibly be the best in the league this year.

Conte and Turner, who were both New England All-Stars last year, will lead things at the blue line. The duo will be accompanied by Moore and Cherubini, who were both moved to defense from forwards.

"We should be good there," said Fuller. "We're only going to get better there because I think Damon needs more experience, and as he gets more experience he will get better. Cherubini is another kid that was a forward that we put back there so you know these kids are still learning their positions a little bit. So, as they get experience, they'll get better."

With the graduation of Rob Horn one position that will be looking for a replacement is goalie, but Fuller has three able bodied people fighting to take the job, including Abitz, the number two goalie from last season. Also back is Troisi, a second year player for the Falcons. Tim Sheedy, a transfer student from New England College, will also look for time in goal.

"Abitz should be solid," said Fuller. "Actually, he has come in this year and he's worked

harder than he did last year, but he's being pushed by two people."

The Falcons will test their ability right off the bat this year, seeking revenge with a game against UMass-Dartmouth, who beat them twice last year, including the Championship game. They will then go on to play Skidmore, who FSC beat in the semi-finals last year, and then will be up against UMass-Boston, who beat Fitchburg in overtime last year. If the team makes it through these first few games in good shape, their season could look very bright.

"We want to repeat as ECAC North regular season champs, and set us up in a position where we get back into the championship game, and hopefully have it here, right in the Civic Center," said Fuller.

Veterans and skill could add up to a promising season for the Falcons, not to mention a good coach. Fuller brought every Falcon team that he coached to at least the quarter finals. That is eleven years straight. Six of those years the Falcons were the Champions.

"I think that the key is one: veterans," said Fuller. "We've



The hockey team warming up for their season opener against UMass-Dartmouth

photo by Brian Lamy

got good veteran forwards. We've got good veterans and leadership on the blue line. We're definitely going to be a team to contend with."

The Falcons just might have what it takes to become

ECAC North/Central/South Champions once again for the 1995-96 season.

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Men's Soccer

Jason Richardson, SR
Nathan Arnold, FR
Steve Grico, SR

First Team
First Team
Second Team

Women's Soccer

Ginger Boermester, SR
Melissa Bourie, JR
Cory Larkin, SO
Maryann Barrett, SO
Karen Irving, SO

First Team
First Team
Second Team
Second Team
Second Team

Field Hockey

Wendy Gagliani, SR
Tina Leger, SR
Meredith Hertal, SR
Dianne Marshall, SO
Ashley Aube, SO

First Team
Second Team
Second Team
Second Team
Second Team

Volleyball

Rebecca Kiley, SO
Kristie St. Cyr, SR

First Team
Second Team

Women's Cross Country

Kim Walsh, SR

First Team, Individual Champion